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Community Calendar

Veterans’ Monument meeting is scheduled in Romulus
Community meetings regarding the Veterans’ Monument in Romulus have been planned for 5 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Romulus VFW post 78. The post is located at 39270 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus.
The meeting is for family, friends, veterans or others who have a brick located at the Romulus Veteran’s Monument on Wayne Road in the Municipal Complex.
Contact the City of Romulus Treasurer’s Office as soon as possible at (734) 942-7580.

Santa visits Maybury Farm
The popular photos with Santa at Maybury Farm in Northville is planned for 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Dec. 7 and 8 and again Dec. 14 and 15.
Reservations are required. The visit includes holiday music, crafts, visits with farm animals and shopping in the General Store. Children can visit with Santa in his antique sleigh where friendly elves with take family photos. Letters to Santa can also be dropped into the North Pole mailbox.
The cost is \$10 per person. To reserve a spot, visit mayburyfarm.org/events. The event takes place rain or shine and visitors are urged to dress warmly as the barn is not heated.
Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

Romulus Library hosts afternoon Holiday Bash
A special Holiday Bash is planned at the Romulus Public Library from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.
The afternoon includes hot cocoa, seasonal treats, and holiday games according to a spokesman. Special guests include the Grinch, a winter unicorn, and pony friends.
The Romulus Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, phone (734) 942-7589.

Irish Christmas songs highlight Wayne Public Library event
Award-winning Irish songwriter Enda Reilly will sing a variety of Christmas songs, from well-known favorites to traditional Irish tunes during a special holiday concert set for 6a:30 until 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.
There is no admission fee for the adult event.
The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road.

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Courts rule for city in Wayne officer’s lawsuit

Both the trial and appellate courts have disallowed Wayne Police Sgt. Abraham Hughes’ claims against the city and former City Manager Lisa Nocerini.
While the courts ruled that pursuant to the city charter the city manager has the exclusive authority to appoint or dismiss the police chief, Hughes, through his attorney John Peters, argued that Nocerini used that authority to corrupt the objective testing process after establishing a “score and score only” process for the promotion. Hughes further claimed in his lawsuit that the city breached an implied contract dictating that the highest score on an examination conducted by an independent testing agency would be the sole criteria for the promotion. Hughes said that during a private meeting both Nocerini and Mayor John Rhaesa told him

that Ryan Strong would never become the chief in Wayne because he did not investigate incidents they has asked him to. Strong was appointed as acting police chief following the resignation of the former chief,

he said, that he attained the highest score on the testing and says he is in possession of a tape of an EMPCO official validating his claim that he received the top score. Based on the agreed-upon criteria, Hughes

interim chief, obtained a warrant to arrest Blackwell on March 12 of 2019. On March 13, 2019, Hughes met with Nocerini and Personnel Director Alyse Lesle and was informed that Strong had obtained the highest test score and would be named chief. Hughes was ordered to participate in an internal investigation of the hiring process and claims he was threatened with termination if he refused to participate. Hughes said the investigation, conducted by the city attorney, was not objective as the attorney worked for Nocerini and the city council. That investigation resulted in a statement from an EMPCO official addressing the announcement that Hughes was the top scorer. “Any allegations regarding the results of the assessment were misinterpreted or misconstrued,” the EMPCO official wrote as part of the probe by the city attorney.

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who retired. Hughes said he was informed that the only criteria for the promotion would be the independent testing.
Both Strong and Hughes completed the four-hour assessment testing with a three-person assessment panel from EMPCO hired by the city in March of 2019.
Hughes remains confident,

said he should have been named to the chief’s job. It was Hughes’ contention that Nocerini interfered with the hiring process after verbally guaranteeing that only the test scores would determine the new chief based, in part, on personal animosity against a local resident, Mark Blackwell.
Strong, while acting as

From scary to merry New Holiday light show debuts at former mental hospital site

The historic Eloise Hospital, known for spooky Halloween events, is swapping scary for merry this holiday season with the debut of “MI Bright Lights.” The immersive drive-thru light show, featuring a dazzling display of more than 250,000 synchronized lights set to holiday music, is set to continue through Dec. 23.
The ¾-mile experience, produced by the Bostic Family of Garden City, offers visitors the chance to enjoy the holiday magic from the warmth of their own vehicles. With sections like “Candy Cane Lane,” showcasing 14-foot candy canes, a Christmas tree forest, and Santa’s Workshop, the light show is designed to capture the spirit of the season, a spokesman said. A dedicated radio station provides synchronized music for guests to enjoy as they explore the festive displays.
Organizers have added an ice skating rink to complement the drive-thru experience and Santa Land following a brief



delay in opening originally set for last weekend.
They have reduced the per car price to \$20. Organizers emphasized their commitment to creating an unforgettable holiday experience, noting that this effort comes from a family-run operation, not a large corporation.
“While we are best known for bringing the scary during the Halloween season, we are excited to embrace the merry with an all-new holiday light show,” said John Hambrick, owner of Eloise Hospital.
“It’s a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, create lasting memories, and celebrate the joy of the season – all from the comfort of their own car.”
After the drive-thru portion, guests can visit the newly created walk-thru Santa Land.
Here, they’ll have the chance to meet Santa Claus and his friends, enjoy hot cocoa and S’mores at warming stations, and purchase professional holiday photos.
Located at 30712 Michigan Ave., MI Bright Lights operates daily from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets priced at \$20 per vehicle and additional information are available at www.mibrightlights.com.

Northville Township manager will retire this week



Todd Mutchler

Northville Township Manager Todd L. Mutchler will end his 38-year public service career Dec. 6.
Mutchler, the top-ranking non-elected official in the township for 5 years, submitted his resignation which was reluctantly accepted by members of the township board of trustees during the Nov. 21 meeting.
Described as a “titan” by his peers, township officials said Mutchler has made Northville Township a better run community. They noted that his leadership emphasized adopting policies and procedures for each department and credited him with the move to have the Northville Township Police Department accredited. Officials also noted Mutchler’s history of building strong relationships with neighboring community leaders and his relentless determination to ensure that every decision, program and plan followed the core purpose, mission, vision and values

of Northville Township.
“I can’t take credit for all our successes but our team can,” Mutchler said. “This team has really come together and shown interest in helping to make Northville Township what it is, as far as the services that we offer, and what a great place it is to live, work and play.”
Mutchler has been mentoring his successor, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Human Resources Glenn Caldwell, for more than a year. Caldwell will step into the manager’s position, while passing his human resources director baton to Chelsea K. Ditz, who began Nov. 18.
Mutchler joined the Northville Township Police Department in 2016, first serving as police chief, after working at the Canton Police Department for 28 years. Six months after his arrival, he became the director of public safety, a title he maintained until January 2024.

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Christmas in the Village is set for this Saturday

Christmas in the Village returns to the Village Arts Factory with new additions and even more holiday cheer from 3 until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Presented by Greenland Market and Saj Bakery, this family-friendly event will transform the Village Arts Factory, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton into a winter wonderland, featuring a live petting zoo attraction, caroling musicians, free kids’ craft activities, cookie decorating, and a bustling Old-World Christmas Market featuring over 25 artisan vendors with unique merchandise for all your gift-giving needs, according to a prepared statement from the township.

Additional event highlights include free visits and pictures with Santa

Claus courtesy of Oak Pointe Church; holiday ornament-making at Cold Stone Creamery; kids’ hair tinsel and holiday boutique at Indigo Salon; as well as a tree lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. at the Village Arts Factory. The Cherry Hill Potters Guild will also be on hand, joining more than 25 craft and artisan vendors selling unique crafts.

A special IKEA Uppvärmning Lodge will be erected on the event grounds, featuring complimentary warm cinnamon rolls and Swedish Glögg - while supplies last. Additional tasty food options will be available for purchase, including hot chocolate provided by Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea and holiday coffee beverages from Hazel Coffee Co. A variety of food trucks will also

be onsite, including Famous Hamburger, Cilantro Mexican Food, and Impasto Italian-Inspired Wraps.

The holiday event, organized by the Village Arts Factory, and Canton Leisure Services, is free and open to the entire Canton community, as well as surrounding communities. Additional sponsors include AlphaGraphics of Canton; Comcast; Edward Jones of Cherry Hill Village; Expressions Music Academy; IKEA; Jacob Matthew Jewelers; Kumon; Primrose Schools; Schoolcraft College; Trinity Health IHA Medical Group; Tucker Insurance Agency; Uptown Salon; and the Village Grocery.

Event participants are reminded to dress for the weather. On-site parking will be limited, so participants are ad-

vised to utilize area public lots listed at www.cantonmi.gov/1384. In addition, shuttles will be available at the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, Workman Elementary School, and the Canton Dog Park.

Following the conclusion of Christmas in the Village, the 21+ crowd is invited to continue the festivities with a special holiday afterglow hosted by Maraschinos Pub in Cherry Hill Village with seasonal decor, music, and holiday-themed drinks.

For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org/678, villageartsfactory.com, or call (734) 394-5460.

Mutchler

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He said his decision to pursue a law enforcement career was prompted by a ride-along with his uncle, a police officer, he experienced as a teen. The decision was amplified when he caught sight of the print that hung in his uncle’s office – Norman Rockwell’s “The Runaway.” The 1958 Saturday Evening Post cover shows a state trooper perched at a diner counter talking with a young boy, who has a pack at his feet, indicating he’s running away from home. Like the officer in the print, Mutchler said he helping someone in need at their most vulnerable moment and has done so his entire career.

He began his career as a police officer at the Eastern Michigan University Department of Public Safety, later joining the Milan Police Department before wearing the Canton Police badge. During his early career, he completed stints as a S.W.A.T member, a

mountain bike officer and a policy and procedures developer. In that capacity, he wrote a policy related to inmate clothing, which helped officers understand religious head coverings. This policy was used as a model at police agencies around the nation, including Washington, D.C.

Some of the many accolades he’s received include the Peace and Justice Award from the Council on American Islamic Relations and the Pioneer Award, a prominent civil rights award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police for his work in creating the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition. Mutchler also attended the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Session 257 (Class of 2014), in Quantico, Va. The National Academy, a 10-week intensive training course, is a premier professional development program for law enforcement leaders across the globe.

When Northville Township Police

Lt. Josh Pike graduated in June 2024, Mutchler and Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Scott Hilden drove eight hours to attend the graduation and then drove eight hours back the same day because of their busy schedules. Mutchler said he knew how important an achievement the graduation was and he wanted to honor Pike.

“Todd is revered by his team and respected by the board of trustees, who he welcomed when the new board was elected four years ago,” said Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. “He has spearhead so many projects, including the building of the new Essential Services Complex, the removal of the decaying state psychiatric hospital buildings at Legacy Park and winning the Top Workplaces honor two consecutive years from the Detroit Free Press. He is an excellent champion for Northville Township.”

Mutchler said the timing is right for his retirement. With his succession plan in place, he’s ready to spend time

with those who supported him through his entire career: his family.

“My career happened because a lot of people sacrificed and gave and supported me and my family, and so while I still have good health, I want to make sure that I’m recognizing that by spending valuable time with them,” he said.

He said he is looking forward to hopping into his motor home with his wife, Kay, to travel to see their family members who live across the country, from Oregon to Boston. The couple hopes to visit their three children and three grandchildren. Mutchler said he will also stop at the best trout streams to fly fish and best ski hills to downhill ski.

What are his plans for his first day of retirement? “I’m going to sleep in if my dog will let me,” he said with a smile.

Lawsuit

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Hughes attorney said the court ruling enables a public official immunity from improper motives or intentions as long as they are acting within the scope of their authority. In court, Peters argued that Nocerini exceeded her authority by interfering with the agreed-upon criteria for personal reasons, although the courts disagreed. “The second highest court in the state is quoting the highest court of our state for the proposition that in Michigan, as long as you are the highest

elected or appointed official of your branch of government, you have absolute immunity from the consequences of any act you take as long as it is within your job description,” Peters said.

“Personally, I think that is a horrifying situation and one I guarantee most residents of the State of Michigan are completely unaware of. Since the Legislature passed this as a law, the Legislature can change it, but that first requires that an informed public push for such a change,” Peters added.

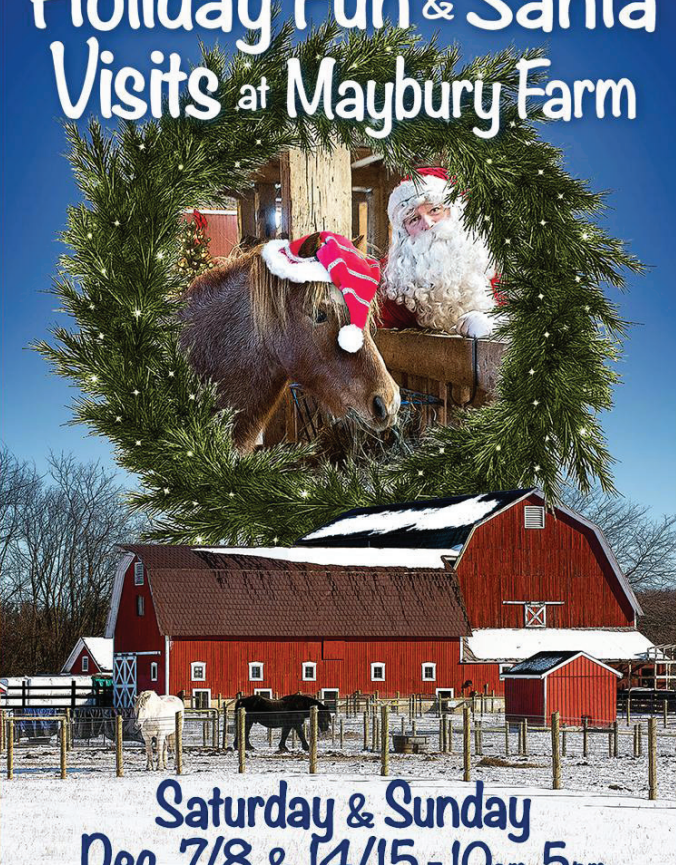
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Holiday Fun & Santa Visits at Maybury Farm



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\$10 per person
(children under 2 are FREE!)
Reservations are required - everyone age 2 & over requires a ticket.

Enjoy holiday music & decorations, crafts, farm animals & shopping in our General Store. Visit with Santa in his antique sleigh in our century-old barn where Santa's Elf will be on hand to help you snap a family photo! Drop your letter to Santa in our North Pole Mailbox & don't forget to warm up at the bonfire!

Reserve your spot at mayburyfarm.org/events
Tickets are non-transferrable & non-refundable. Event takes place snow or rain. Dress appropriately - the barn is not heated.

50165 8 Mile Rd., Northville
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PUBLIC AUCTION

GARDEN CITY AUCTION

THESE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 10 AM
AT 6345 N HIX RD WESTLAND, MI.
THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS.

STARTING BID IS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE.
VEHICLE ARE SOLD AS IS AND MAY BE REMOVED FROM
AUCTION PRIOR TO BIDDING. ALL BIDS START AT AMOUNT SHOWN FOR
TOWING AND STORAGE FEES.

AMOUNT	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	VIN
\$14,088.00	2005	BUICK	CENTURY	SILVER	2G4WS52J651128550
\$9,714.00	1978	FORD	THUNDERBIRD	GREEN	8G87F269148
\$9,633.00	2000	HONDA	CIVIC	MAROON	1HGEJ6672YL066698
\$8,857.00	2017	MERCEDES BENZ	C 45	BLACK	WDDSJ4GB3HN405830
\$8,674.00	2018	JEEP	CHEROKEE	BLACK	1C4PJLAB0JD595200
\$8,398.00	2007	HONDA	CIVIC	SILVER	1HGFA16537L060333
\$12,022.00	2013	SUZUKI	GW 250 MOTORCYCL	BLACK	LC6GJ55F7D1100436
\$6,414.00	2013	DODGE	AVENGER	GRAY	1C3CDZAG4DN753089
\$5,695.00	2009	JEEP	PATRIOT	BLACK	1J4FT28B49D139700
\$5,452.00	2019	JEEP	CHEROKEE	BURNT	1C4PJMBX8KD401451
\$5,118.00	2014	CHEVROLET	CRUZ	SILVER	1G1PA5SH9E7239145
\$5,212.00	2014	DODGE	RAM	SILVER	1C6RR7T7T0ES260705
\$5,097.00	2013	KIA	SORENTO	SILVER	5XYKT3A60DG317958
\$4,673.00	2006	MERCURY	MARINER	SILVER	4M2YU56186KJ04862
\$4,834.00	2016	FORD	FUSION	WHITE	3FA6P0HD4GR213661
\$3,963.00	2006	CHEVROLET	COBALT	RED	1G1AK55F067776002
\$4,078.00	2011	CHEVROLET	EXPRESS VAN	WHITE	1GCSGAFX2B1183784
\$3,976.00	2012	ACURA	TSX	SILVER	JH4CU2F45CC011827
\$3,833.00	2020	KIA	FORTE	SILVER	3KPF24AD5LE147925
\$3,120.00	2009	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	RED	2G1WB57K991233961
\$3,224.00	2004	BUICK	CENTURY	WHITE	2G4WS52J241200763
\$3,085.00	2013	DODGE	DART	WHITE	1C3CDFBA9DD299467
\$2,868.00	1994	MERCURY	GRAND MARQUIS	BIEGE	2MELM75W6RX701016

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2025, for the following:

Cherry Hill Village Phase 1

Project consists of the construction of a Town Square park in Cherry Hill Village surrounding the historic Cherry Hill School. The project involves infrastructure changes to the property, including the removal of existing parking lots, West St and School House Rd, the removal of water main and storm sewer and associated structures, and hydrant relocation; construction of new site amenities and associated underground utilities, including construction of a new hill using stockpiled spoils, pathways, plazas, park entry signage, site lighting, a 40-ft pre-fabricated bridge, bike racks, benches and other seating areas, trash/recycle stations, and dog waste stations; replacement of curb, pavement, and ADA ramps within Wayne County ROW; construction of a new exterior restroom building, including construction of associated utilities; relocation of an existing dumpster pad and screening; installation of an irrigation system and relocation of existing irrigation controls to the proposed restroom building; installation of two proposed fountains and associated electrical components; installation of a pond re-fill mechanism; and site landscaping. Alternates to the project include construction of proposed stage, extending the existing sanitary sewer to the northeast property line, and pathways on the proposed hill.

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship> or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, pregnancy, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, height, weight or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, Morgan, Rush, and LaPorte. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, and 14 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the agenda with removal of item E. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (2) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 24, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve warrants totaling \$197,765.92. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to receive and file the supervisor’s report. Motion carried.

8. Township Manager’s Report by Burdick. Fuel tank refresh as started., sewer liner project completion, Willow Road water main letter from Hennessey, 89% of ARPA monies committed.. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to accept the manager’s report as read. Motion carried.

9. Attorney’s report by Young. Attorney Young updated the board on the two property bids from residents, also updated on the nuclear waste disposal in Van Buren Township. Should add an agenda item F. for the property bid by Peeper. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to accept the report. Motion carried.

10. Police Report by Chief Luke: Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the police report as read by Chief Luke. Chief Luke also added the fact that due process happens in every case always. Motion carried.

11. Building Report by Bowman. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to receive and file the building report. Motion carried.

12. Fire Report by Chief Brown. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson, to accept the fire report as read. Motion carried.

13. Board Response: Clerk Hurst read the Senior Report submitted by Maryann Watson, congratulating the senior volunteers. Oddy suggested a plaque be placed in the senior center honoring C. Wenderski and K. Mickens for their presidential award letter.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to accept the bid quote provided by PPM Tree Service for the Graham Park project at a total cost of \$22,850.00, amended by Oddy, supported by Patterson to add to be paid with ARPA funds. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to reappoint Jane Stalmack to the planning commission and zoning board of appeals, with her term to expire on 11/14/2027. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to reappoint Matt Oddy to the planning commission and zoning board of appeals, with his term to expire on 11/20/2028. Motion carried. Rush commended Oddy on his commitment to planning/zoning.

D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to reappoint Daniel Watson to the planning commission, with his term to expire on 11/13/2027. Motion carried.

E. **REMOVED.** Consider approval of the 1-year contract renewal with JanPro Janitorial at a 3% increased rate of \$3,401 per month, effective 10/1/2024.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, for the township to have a survey and split completed on parcels 81-109-99-0005-005 and 81-109-99-0005-003 for buyer D. Peeper. Motion carried.

15. Announcements: River of Life Church Harvest Party is October 19 from 3-6pm.

16. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Morgan excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Attorney Young, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, and 8 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item H. Motion carried.

4. Veterans of Martinsville Cemetery slide presentation.

5. Public Comment. 1 attendee spoke.

6. Minutes: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024. Motion carried.

7. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to approve warrants totaling \$240,266.72. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Finance report given by Holtz. Royalty just came in, and it is 3.7% less, but it is improving. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

9. Township Manager Burdick gave his report. ARPA fund handout on table. Update on fire truck, township roof, community center HVAC and new sink. Park roadways and parking lots start at the end of this week, community center doors by 11/7/24. Sent in EGLE CDSMI 5 year report, fuel tank refresh by end of this week, handicap signs are up, collars around the drains next week. Graham forestry project starts 11/5/2024, CWA building audit review by Scott and Tony pending, and parks water turn off will be first week of November. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson, to approve the manager’s report. Motion carried.

10. Water/Sewer report: Paterson stated that policies and procedures will be on next board meeting. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer’s report: Patterson stated that the investment committee made the decision to roll Flagstar CD to Michigan Class. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to approve the report. Motion carried.

12. Planning & Zoning report: Oddy stated the next meeting in November will have special land use zoning with adjustments to the animal ordinance. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

13. Board Response: Rush announced Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2024 at the community center 6-8pm. Patterson would like a definition of committee assignments and maybe add committee reports to agenda. Oddy thanked Holtz and Armatis for the veterans slide presentation. He would like the committees to report to TM Burdick, who in turn reports to the board. He also stated that the Fire Department open house went well.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Hurst to advertise for bids on a 40-niche columbarium. Explanation by Holtz and Armatis. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to advertise for bids on a columbarium foundation and a 10’ x 20’ concrete courtyard at Martinsville Cemetery. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to use ARPA funds to purchase the budgeted 2024 Expedition for the fire department at a cost of \$56,995.00. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte, to approve withdrawing the police department window bid from EMU Global Services due to their inability to fulfill the project. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to close the township hall on December 12, 2024, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm for the annual employee holiday luncheon. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to accept the bid by Pristine Roofing in the amount of \$38,400.00 for the removal and replacement of the township hall roof to be paid with ARPA funds. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve Bill Kenyon’s proposal, for the continuing education of Sumpter Township’s leadership team. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the retainer of R. Pentiuik Law Firm to assist the township in legal matters regarding the landfill. Motion carried.

15. Announcements:

Hurst announced that early voting begins, Saturday, October 26, 2024, for 9 days straight.

Oddy stated that the recent vendor market at the community center was well attended and encouraged people to visit the upcoming market in December.

16. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township



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Romulus Public Library

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7665 Merriman Rd.

Sheetz Gas Station

33380 Wick Rd.



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The meeting was held in the community center gym located at 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, due to early voting set-up in the township hall boardroom.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, Morgan, and Rush. LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Deputy Clerk Armatis, and Attorney Young. 0 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment. None

5. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the retirement of Finance Director Scott Holtz, effective October 29, 2024. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to advertise for the position of Finance Director with salary and benefits to be comparable and/or in the range with current compensation package. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the posting for a permanent part-time Human Resource/Payroll contract position with salary and benefits comparable to current budgeted amounts. Motion carried.

6. Announcements: Rush thanked the staff for setting up the gym for this special meeting. Oddy wants a job description for Item C brought back to the November 12, 2024, meeting.

7. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Hurst at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, Morgan, Rush, and LaPorte. Supervisor Bowman excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, and 18 attendees.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan, for Clerk Hurst to chair the board meeting. Motion carried.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the agenda with removal of items D & K, and tabling Item A. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (2) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 22, 2024, and special board meeting minutes of October 31, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve warrants totaling \$343,727.60. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Clerks report. Clerk Hurst reported on the election activities from the November 5, 2024 election. Clerk Hurst also thanked everyone for all her years of service to the residents, staff, and board members. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to accept the Clerk's report.

8. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to receive and file the supervisor's report. Motion carried.

9. Township Manager's Report read by Burdick. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to accept the manager's report as read. Motion carried.

10. Attorney's report by Young. Attorney Young thanked Clerk Hurst, Trustee Morgan, and Deputy Clerk Armatis for all their years of service. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to accept the report. Motion carried. Trustee Rush thanked them also. Trustee

Morgan thanked the residents and all past and present board members for her years of service.

11. Police Report by Chief Luke: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve the police report as read by Chief Luke. Chief Luke also added his thanks to Clerk Hurst, Trustee Morgan and Deputy Clerk Armatis. Motion carried.

12. Building Report by Bowman. Motion by Oddy, to receive and file the building report. Motion died for lack of support. Report read by Rush. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy to accept the report. Motion carried.

13. Fire Report by Chief Brown. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson, to accept the fire report as read. Motion carried.

14. Board Response: Patterson stated the election team worked great. He stayed and watched the process until 11:30 pm. He also spent 5 hours looking at Item K, he would like to see it back in the future and stated it is needed. Oddy thanked the election workers, stating that a 64% turnout had not been seen before. Rush thanked the Clerk's office for their outstanding job. Laporte thanked the Clerk's office, stating everything was on the up and up. He also thanked Clerk Hurst, Trustee Morgan, and Deputy Clerk Armatis for their service.

15. New Business:

- A. **TABLED.** Consider approval of the updated planning and zoning fee schedule.
- B. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to accept the resignation of Firefighter Jamie Krushlin, with regrets, effective October 29, 2024. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve hosting the Conference of Western Wayne on June 13, 2025. Motion carried.
- D. **REMOVED.** Consider approving the proposed 2nd quarter budget amendments.
- E. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte, to approve the purchase of a 3-well stainless-steel sink for the community center gym kitchen at a total cost of \$619.00 utilizing ARPA funds. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve the holiday closure of Sumpter Township offices from December 23, 2024, through January 1, 2025, with employees using four benefit bank days. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to post and interview for a seasonal part-time DPW position for 29 weekly hours or less at the AFSCME hourly rate of \$23.33. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to accept the bid from Regal Construction Inc. at a total cost of \$25,250.00, for the police department windows, paid with ARPA funds or other available funds, if required. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to accept the bid from TNT Tree Service in the amount of \$5,500.00 for Banotai Park, paid with ARPA or other available funds, if required. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve extending the temporary part-time clerk's office position until January 28, 2025, in order to keep the staffing at three people. Motion carried.
- K. **REMOVED.** Consider approval to accept the bid received from Vigilante Security for the replacement and monthly monitoring of the township facilities' security and fire alarm systems at an installation cost of \$87,592.50 and monthly monitoring at \$971.10.

16. Announcements: None.

S. Nasser had questions regarding his business license, he was directed to the township manager.

17. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to adjourn at 6:49 pm. Motion carried.

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Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

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Township of Sumpter
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(S)

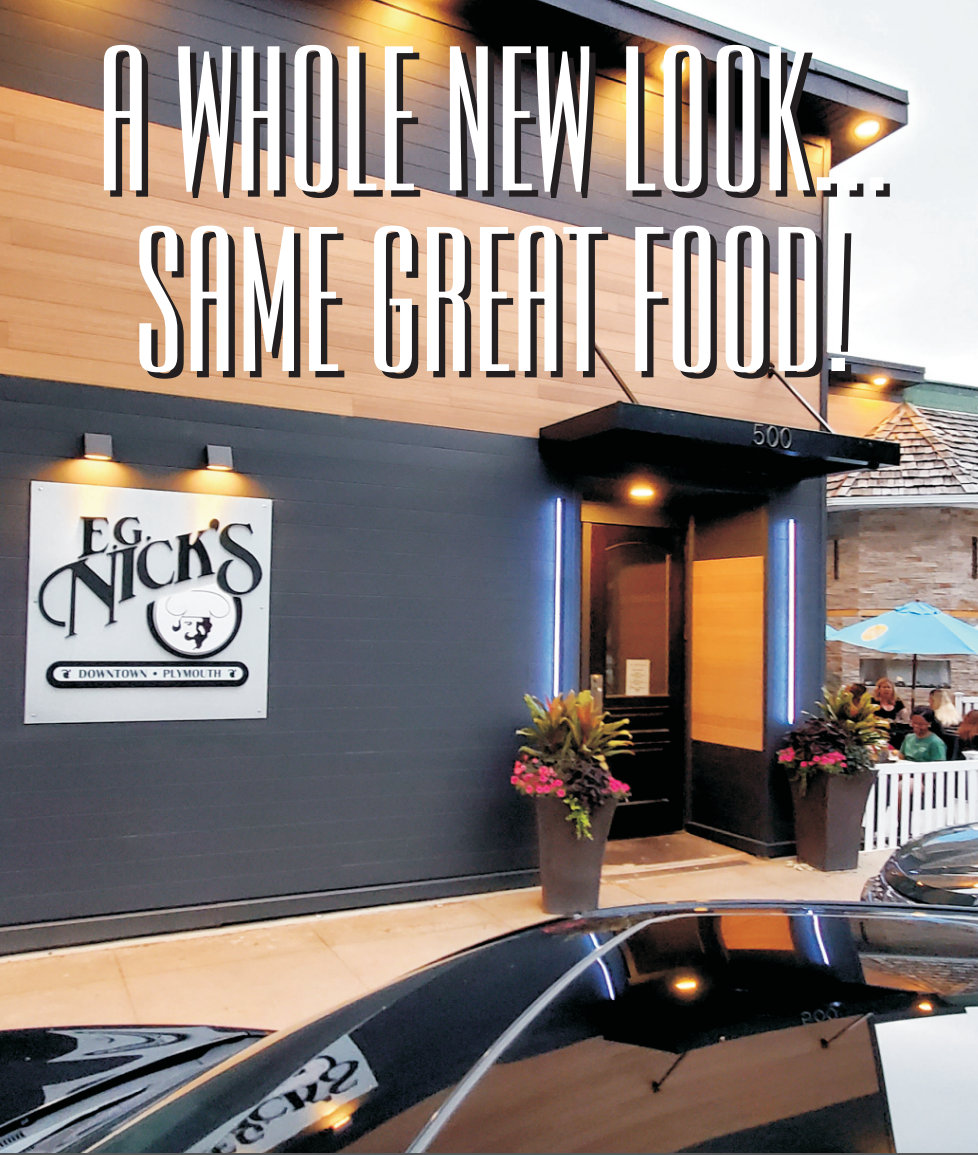
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Donald LaPorte, Clerk
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